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Cape LaCroix Creek
Unclassified segment upstream of WBID # 1836

Unclassified
Cape Girardeau County

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Dear Mr. Hoke:

Enclosed please find a news story from Page one of the Jackson Post Cashbook to document the use of Hubble Creek by the public.

Goose Creek is similarly used by children and fishermen (to gather bait). I don't have time to document the use of that stream, but both Hubble and Goose Creeks are attractive flat rock creeks which are easily accessible from residential and city park areas. What IS your reviewer doing even considering removing the (minimally) protected status? Obviously they have no visual knowledge of the locale at all.

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Cape LaCroix Creek is similarly attractive, if somewhat less accessible, to the public. In the past I have known of a child getting a severe infection from wading in that creek with his tennis shoes on. Parents did not become aware of the infected blister until it was almost too late. Cape LaCroix is located near homes including a low income trailer court, and the jogging trail of Cape Girardeau which crosses the Creek near the Osage Center.

I worked with a man named Tracy McCracken who, while working for PBRO, deemed such streams "grade school beaches". He believed that all streams, small or otherwise, receiving wastewater effluent should be clearly posted. Too bad there aren't people like him protecting our children now.

Sincerely,



Jonell McNeely

Encl: Jackson Post Cashbook article

AND MRS. LUCAS J. of Jackson, are parents of named Tobin Nathaniel, 2:04 a.m., June 17, 2008, East Missouri Hospital in Earle. He weighed 6 ounces, and has a sis-

Beine is the former Julie Allister, daughter of Mike Allister of Jackson, and Fran Allister of Jackson. Beine is the daughter of Rick Beine, Jackson, and Ann Beine, Jackson. He was employed by Busey Truck Co., Inc.

THE DONALD POHL-
and LINSIE CHRIS-
LOCHLEAR of Jackson
s of a son, named Tatum
elman, born at 3:51 a.m.,
2008, at Southeast Mis-
spital in Cape Girardeau.
ned 7 pounds, 7 ounces,
sister.

the daughter of Carol
Burk of Cape Girardeau,
s Lochlear of Jackson.
ployed by the Show-Me
s an office assistant.
is the son of Don
of Jackson, and Kim
of Pittsburg, PA. He is
by Kimbeland Country
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we lost I couldn't sleep
When we win I can't
ght. But when you win,
up feeling better." —Joe

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This scholarship is renewable for three additional academic years after initial award year for a maximum of four consecutive academic years. To renew the recipient must maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average in courses taken at Southeast and complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of course work per aca-

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Cape Girardeau County streams recommended for exemption

Four streams in Cape Girardeau County will not be subject to state bacteria standards if exemptions for them are approved by the Missouri Clean Water Commission. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has recently included them on a list of water bodies recommended for exemption from federal Clean Water Act protections.

The affected streams are:

- Cape Lacroix, at the north end of Cape Girardeau.
- Goose Creek, which runs through Jackson.

- Hubble Creek, between I-55 and the north side of Jackson.
- Wolf Creek, south and south-east of Sedgewickville.

If the streams are exempted, sewer agencies and other facilities will be allowed to continue releasing bacteria-laden water into them. The Clean Water Commission will be accepting public comments on the proposed stream exemptions until July 21.

Anyone who uses the above streams may want to provide comments to urge keeping needed protections. If people have used those streams at any time since 1975 for swimming or other activities where they could get water in their eyes, ears, or mouth, full water-quality protections must be put in place. With full clean water protections, sewer agencies will be required to disinfect the wastewater they discharge. Comments should therefore include details of

how, when, and where the stream is or was used. They should also include similar information about any other uses, such as wading, boating, or fishing, since these also expose people to bacteria and viruses and should require at least some level of protection.

-Sewage that has not been disinfected may contain viruses, parasites, and other pathogens that can make people sick with ear infections, typhoid fever, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, dysentery, and other illnesses. Pathogens such as fecal coli form and E. coli bacteria are indicators of poor water quality and contamination with human waste. Waters with elevated levels of focal coliform and E. coli bacteria are unsafe to swim in or for children to play in.

Maps of streams recommended for exemption, along with a comment form people can fill out, can be found on MCE's website (www.moenviron.org/UAA.asp). Additional information about the above streams and an online stream survey comment form are available at MDNR's website (www.dnr.mo.gov/wpp/wqstandards/uaa/uaa.county.htm) by clicking on Cape Girardeau County. Your comments on any of these streams may also be mailed to UAA Coordinator, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102, emailed to john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov or faxed to 573-522-9920.

Date: August 19, 2008

To: Anne Peery

From: Jonell McNeely

Subject: Cape LaCroix Creek Use Designation

I don't understand the designation WBID 1837 for this stream. Both the Cape Girardeau, MO.-ILL. 1967 (revised 1978) and the Cape Girardeau NE, MO.1993 quadrangles of the Geological Survey maps clearly mark the branch of the stream which turns and follows Route W (where County Road 620 begins on the left) as Cape LaCroix Creek. After about a mile, when Route W turns north, this larger stream runs alongside County Road 621 for 3+ miles, eventually ending (arising) just north of the North Hills Subdivision.

For the most part the impact that I referred to occurred on the true Cape Lacroix Creek near the intersection of Rt. W and CR 621. The lagoon system that used to serve the Lamplighter MHP has long since been replaced by a trunk sewer to the City of Cape Girardeau. To my knowledge the only likely significant contamination of that stream would be runoff from County Road 621.

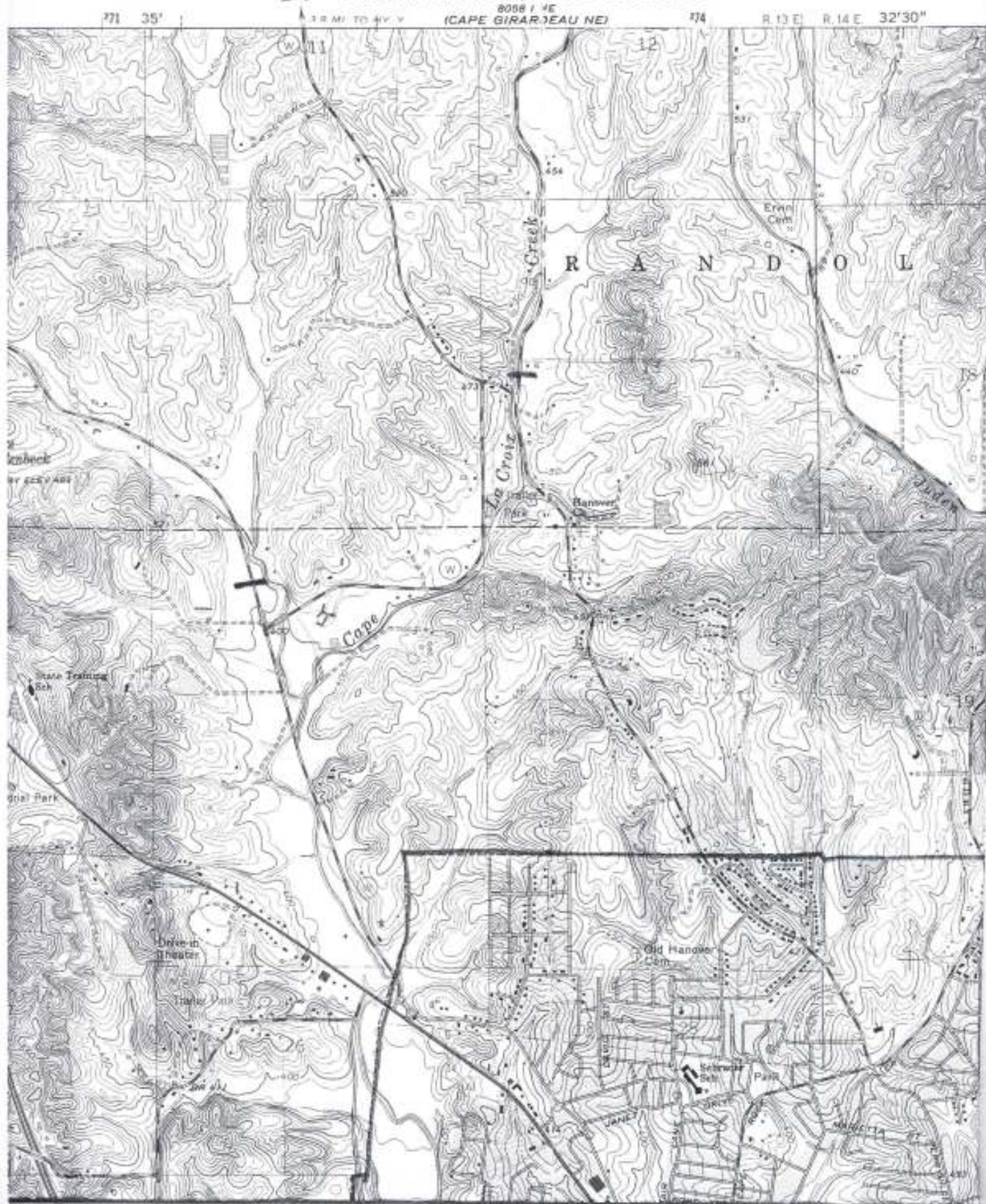
The section that you have designated WBID 1837 is smaller and continues more or less due north for a couple of sections. Eventually a branch of this segment receives the effluent from a mobile home park (I think they call it RT. W MHP now). This segment also drains storm water from the hills northeast of Cape which are being rapidly developed. For that reason there is a major storm water drainage basin on that segment. It can barely contain major rain events.

Other than the MHP, most of the homes in the basin of WBID 1837 were built under the newer on-site sewage laws and are little problem to the stream. Again the major impact on the branch, other than the one MHP, is alteration and sediment from construction projects.

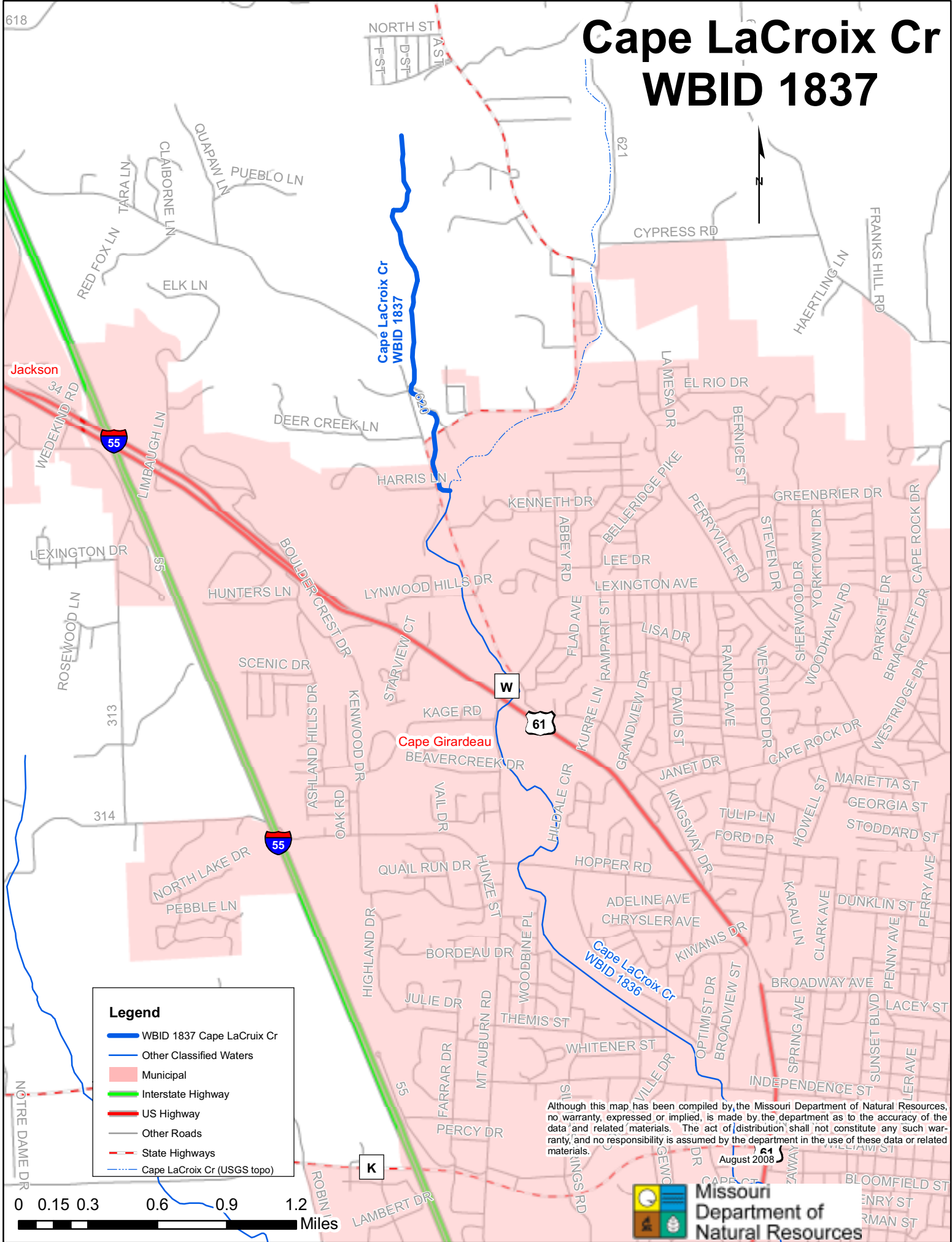
While I can imagine children playing in those little drainageways behind their homes (it is primarily a residential area), there is no public access as far as I know.

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